

Utah Commission on Aging

Minutes for April 19, 2006

Commission Member Attendees:	
William Cox	Rich County
Michael Deily (for David Sundwall)	Utah Department of Health
Rob Ence	AARP
Nels Holmgren (for Lisa-Michele Church)	Utah Department of Human Services
Michael Jones	Utah Department of Financial Institutions
Joette Langianese	Rural Health Management
Norma Matheson	Honorary Chair
Anne Peterson	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Rev. Robert Shrank	St. John's Lutheran Church
Sara Sinclair	Sunshine Terrace Foundation
Helen Thatcher (for Tani Downing)	Department of Workforce Services
Commission Members Unable to Attend:	
Richard Bradford/Jason Perry	Governor's Office of Economic Development
Allen Christensen	Utah Senate
Lisa-Michele Church	Utah Department of Human Services
TantaLisa Clayton	Utah Legal Services
Tani Downing	Utah Department of Workforce Services
Leone Harwood	Utah Department of Transportation
Pat Jones	Utah House of Representatives
Larry Marx	Taylorville Police Department
Kristie McMullin	Southwest Applied Technology College
Shauna O'Neil	Salt Lake County Aging Services
JoAnn Seghini	Midvale City
Michael Styles	Utah Office of Ethnic Affairs
Dr. David Sundwall	Utah Department of Health
Other Attendees:	
Wade Farraway	Utah Attorney General's Office
Lori Gawf	Utah Office of Public Guardian
Tonya Keller	Utah Department of Health
Sharon Donnelly	HealthInsight
Nels Holmgren	Utah Department of Human Services
Lynn Samsel	Coalition of Non-Profits
Matt Canham	Salt Lake Tribune
Steve Caverly	University of Utah/Utah Department of Corrections
Bonnie Athas	Utah Department of Human Services
Randy Swartwood	At Home Care
Michael Deily	Department of Health
Cherie Bruncker	LDS Hospital
Gina Coccimiglio	CareSource
Denise Brooks	University of Utah
Scott Wright	University of Utah
Dr. Byron Bair	University of Utah
Dr. Mike Caserta	University of Utah

Dr. William Farley	University of Utah
Dr. Norman Foster	University of Utah
Suzette Hudson	University of Utah
Dr. Dale Lund	University of Utah
Dr. Marilyn Luptak	University of Utah
Dr. Robin Marcus	University of Utah
Dr. Janah Mather	University of Utah
Dr. John Mauger	University of Utah
Ribana Milas	University of Utah
Dr. Dave Patton	University of Utah
Dr. Ginny Pepper	University of Utah
Dr. Chase Peterson	University of Utah
Mark de St. Aubin	University of Utah
Dr. Yvonne Sehy	University of Utah
Angie Stefaniak	University of Utah
Dr. Mark Supiano	University of Utah
Dr. Rebecca Utz	University of Utah
Fran Wilby	University of Utah
Dr. Roy Van Orman	Weber State University
Jana Darrington	Utah State University
Bonnie Balesteri	Osher Lifelong Learning

Norma Matheson called the meeting to order. She welcomed all those present and spoke favorably of the progress that the Commission on Aging is making.

Commission on Aging Update

- Maureen Henry presented on Commission on Aging activities including:
 - Diagram showing the Commission on Aging Special Committees and Work Groups
 - Update on the new End-of-Life Work Group
 - Meeting with John Nord, UDOT, to discuss aging drivers and highway design
 - Federal Medicare/Medicaid issues
 - Most internal medicine and geriatric practices are full or nearly full
 - No board-certified geriatricians in rural communities
 - A lower than average number of geriatricians state-wide
 - Participation in the University of Utah College of Social Work Career Day
 - Participation in Senator's Hatch's Senior Conference
 - Meetings with legislators and civic leaders
 - Results from the first Long Term Planning meeting highlighting the importance of
 - Health promotion
 - Financial responsibility
 - Improvements in the healthcare system
- The group identified the following items to consider for 2007 legislative priorities
 - Healthcare
 - Increase Medicaid reimbursement

- Require doctors to accept no less than a certain percent of Medicare/Medicaid patients to get a license
 - Find ways to retain healthcare providers who serve seniors in the State of Utah
 - Renewal of the Commission on Aging
 - Education
 - Promotion of educational opportunities for older individuals
 - Promote HB 60
 - Remuneration rates
 - Tuition waiver for study in the field of aging in Utah
 - Provide part-time nursing students with financial aid
 - Provide financial aid and incentives for study of gerontology
 - Offer loan forgiveness to remain in the state and study geriatrics
 - Restore or make up funding cuts to Title 7 programs
 - Geriatric academic career award
 - Allow gerontology students to take the social work exam
 - Caregiver support
 - Tax credit for family caregivers
 - Encourage Utah employers offer flexible schedules
 - Community based care
 - Increase communication and coordination between service providers
 - Provide a mechanism to help people stay in their homes, i.e. Alternatives Program
 - Financial security
 - Offer incentives for Utah employers to offer long-term care insurance
 - Tax reform
- Presentations were made by the following individuals from the University of Utah:
 - Dr. Mark Supiano Center on Aging, School of Medicine
 - Dr. Scott Wright Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program
 - Dr. Norman Foster Center for Alzheimer's Care
 - Dr. Ginny Pepper College of Nursing
 - Dr. Bill Farley College of Social Work
- Additional presentations on aging-related programs were made by the following:
 - Dr. Roy Van Orman Weber State University
 - Jana Darrington Utah State University
 - Bonnie Balesteri Osher Lifelong Institute
- A motion to adjourn the meeting and to move to the roundtable discussions was made, seconded, and passed.

- Roundtable discussion participants:

Topic	Organizations	Individuals
Policy and Planning	CPPA	Dave Patton - CHAIR
Lifelong Learning	Osher Lifelong Learning	Anne Peterson - CHAIR Bonnie Balisteri
Professions/Careers in Aging	Social Work Gerontology Utah State Weber State	Fran Wilby - CHAIR Mike Caserta Jana Darrington Roy Van Orman
Collaborative Research	Nursing College of Health Alzheimer's Center Gerontology	Ginny Pepper - CHAIR Robin Marcus Norman Foster Dale Lund
Community Service	Nursing Social Work	Scott Wright - CHAIR Bill Farley
Clinical Services	Nursing School of Medicine/VA	Yvonne Sehy - CHAIR Byron Bair Mark Supiano
Commission on Aging	Utah Commission on Aging	Maureen Henry – CHAIR